

RBI have further reported that applications received from different States for setting up of such banks are at various stages of scrutiny and an 'in principle' approval has been given for three such banks. The licence for these banks will be issued after the promoters comply with the terms and conditions stipulated in the 'in principle' approval.

#### Development of Handloom Industries

\*291. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the total turnover of U.P. Handloom Corporation has declined to 35 per cent during the last four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to discontinue Janata Cloth Scheme;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to revive the handloom industry in the State?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(i) The total turnover of the U.P. State Handloom Corporation for the last four years is as follows:-

Year	Turnover (Rs. in lakhs)
1992-93	126.97
1993-94	61.83
1994-95	45.96
1995-96	45.18

Main reasons for decline are as under:-

(i) Janata Cloth accounted as high as 75% of the turnover of U.P. State Handloom Corporation. The Janata Cloth Scheme is being phased out. The U.P. State Handloom Corporation could not re-orient its production plan to cater to the changing tastes and preferences of the consumer and market which lead to the decline in turnover of the Corporation.

(ii) Though production declined, the massive overhead cost including staff, salaries etc. were not reduced. This has put the organisation to serve financial strain as salaries and allowances account for about 30% expenditure.

(iii) Under Janata Cloth Scheme, production of non-Janata cloth is encouraged by providing equity. The Corporation did not formulate suitable strategy by revising production plan for production of Non-Janata variety and resultantly could not avail the benefit of subsidy for the purpose.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. To encourage weavers to switch over to production of higher value added items, the Janata Cloth Scheme is being phased out.

(e) Central Government is implementing number of developmental schemes for the Handloom sector and the Government of Uttar Pradesh is availing assistance under these on-going schemes:-

- (i) Handloom Development Centres/Quality Dyeing Units.
- (ii) Project Package Scheme.
- (iii) Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme.
- (iv) Market Development Assistance/Special Rebate through Exhibitions.
- (v) Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.
- (vi) Thrift Fund Scheme.
- (vii) Group Insurance Scheme.
- (viii) Health Package Scheme.
- (ix) Margin Money for Destitute Weavers Scheme.
- (x) Janata Cloth Scheme.
- (xi) Mill Gate Price Scheme.

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#### Performance of Hindustan Cables Ltd.

\*292. SHRI HARADHAN ROY:  
SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the financial performance of Hindustan Cables Limited during each of the last three years, unit-wise;

(b) whether any proposal for revival/restructuring of Hindustan Cables Limited is pending with the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Unit-wise performance of Hindustan Cables Ltd. (HCL) during the last three years is given below:-

(Rs. in crores)				
1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (prov. upto Jan, 97)	
1	2	3	4	5
Rupnarainpur Unit Sales	197.50	244.72	96.36	52.27